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SUBJ: INDOCHINA AID DONORS MEETING

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1. DURING CONVERSATION MAY 1 WITH MIKANAGI, DIRECTOR GENERAL, AND KIKUCHI, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR GENERAL, ECONOMIC COOPERATION BUREAU, FONOFF (SEPTTEL--NOTEL), ECON/COM/CONUS RAISED SUBJECT OF INDOCHINA AID DONORS MEETING. DRAWING ON REFTEL, ECON/COM/CONUS EXPLAINED USG ALSO FAVORS EARLIEST POSSIBLE FORMATION INDOCHINA DONORS GROUP, AND INQUIRED WHETHER FONOFF HAD ANY RECENT INFO ON OTHER DONORS' ATTITUDES.

2. IN RESPONSE, KIKUCHI SAID FONOFF HAD NO NEW INFO ON DONOR ATTITUDES, BUT THAT HE HAD TALKED TO GOODMAN OF IBRD AT KUALA LUMPUR (PRESUMABLY AT ADB MEETING) ABOUT DONOR MEETING PROSPECTS. ACCORDING TO KIKUCHI, GOODMAN SAID THAT IBRD IS HOPING FOR AN EARLY MEETING ON LAOS. GOODMAN SAID HE INTERPRETS EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST IN SUCH A MEETING BY SISOUK (LAOTIAN PGNU REP) AS FORMAL LAOTIAN
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REQUEST AND INTENDS TO TAKE QUESTION UP WITH IBRD EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS. IF MEETING WERE THEN TO BE CONVENED

AS RESULT OF LAOTIAN REQUEST, IT COULD SERVE AS QTE
SMOKESCREEN UNQTE FOR CREATION OF SOUTH VIETNAMESE
SUB-GROUP AS WELL. (KIKUCHI INDICATED HIS AGREEMENT TO SUCH
AN APPROACH.) OTHER HAND, GOODMAN REPORTED THAT
IBRD PRESIDENT MCNAMARA NOT TOO ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT DONORS'
MEETING AT THIS TIME, FOR FEAR UNFAVORABLE EFFECT WHICH
MIGHT RESULT FROM IDA DEBATE IN US SENATE.

3. IN CLOSING, MIKANAGI REPEATED THAT FONOFF HOPES FOR
INDOCHINA DONORS' MEETING AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME.
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